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My dear Friend
M W Chapman

I feel very much obliged to thee for thy very kind note and the truly interesting books and papers which it accompanies. How gratifying is the result of the Fair! although thou hast much overrated the little aid I have been able to render to your great cause thou dost not overrate my warmth of feeling and interest in it — I am endeavouring to extend that interest in my circle of friends and acquaintance by circulating the information thou hast favoured me with.

With regard to the public sentiment in England, on the subject of slavery, as far as far as I am acquainted with it, there is but one, that is, a deep, abhorrent feeling against it, a solemn sense of its awful

iniquity, and a heartfelt desire for its utter annihilation — May you, our devoted Sisters be encouraged to persevere in that work of mercy in which you have laboured so long and so well, and may the Author of all our mercies bless your labours, and hasten the coming of that ardently desired day, when every bond in which man holds his fellow, shall be broken, and every rational being shall be able to say, "I am free"

Perhaps thou hast already heard that my dearly loved Cousin Elizth Pease has been plunged in deep affliction by the death of her dear Father, she is a true mourner. I will transcribe an extract from a letter which I lately received from her, which I feel sure will find its way to thy heart — After alluding to the day of the funeral she adds, "But ah, the desolation that succeeds, now that all is over, none can tell but they who have experienced it — every thing reminds me of the dear departed and yet it seems scarcely possible to realise the sad truth, that we shall see him no more,

I loved him in life ~~on earth~~ — but I see see I never loved him half-enough, nor even did half enough to contribute to his happiness —

It is only when we have lost our treasures that we fully know their value. Yet I murmur not — all is ordered in perfect wisdom and perfect love — not only as relates to the dear departed, but to us who are left to mourn his loss, may the dispensation work the end designed in each of us — for myself though I have very near and dear relations left yet the charm of life is gone — and it seems as tho' all that remains for me to do now, is to strive to live in the fulfilment of those duties which my dear Father impressed upon me towards the poor and friendless — and with an eye fixed on the end of the journey — calmly pursue my way thither, striving to be made meet for a re-union with those so dearly loved on earth" —

With kindest regards to my fellow-workers and especially so to my esteemed friends W Phillips and his Wife I remain.

Thy sincerely interested & affec.te Fr. H M Bevan

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